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Appellant(s): MITCHELL ET AL.

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EXAMINER'S ANSWER
(correcting page 4)

This is in response to the appeal brief filed 12/27/2006 appealing from the Office action mailed

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The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

US 2002/0102028	KELLER et al	8-2002
US 5,153,936	MORRIS et al.	10-1992
JP 09181892	Ishida	7-1997
US 5,970,176	TAKAYAMA	10-1999
US 2002/0003905	SATO et al.	1-2002
US 6,526,099	CHRISTOPOULOS et al.	2-2003

(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.   Claims 1-4, 11-12, and 14-19, 30-36, 38-39, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Keller et al. (US patent application publication 2002/0102028 cited previously.)

a.   For Claims 1-4, 11-12, and 14-19, Keller teaches a method for managing an mage of an object stored in a database, the method comprising the steps of:

-- reducing a storage size of the image from a base level to at least one secondary level based on the reduction criteria, wherein each secondary level is smaller in storage size than the